(i) The Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 for purposes of introduction of a pension scheme for subscribers of the provident fund.

(ii) Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 to provide for increased compensation in case of disability and death arising out of employment.

(iii) Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 to increase the ceiling on gratuity and to enhance eligibility limit. Consultations with the State Governments are invariably done wherever necessary. In some cases, the proposals for amendment are discussed in tripartite for a where representatives of State Governments are present.

All the proposed amendments are expected to extend enhanced benefits to the workers.

Revision of Minimum Wages

1592. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to revise the minimum wages after every two years and the variable dearness allowance after every 6 months; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal under consideration is to revise the minimum wages at intervals not exceeding two years unless the minimum rates of wages so fixed or revised consist of a component of Variable Dearness Allowance. The proposal is yet to be finalised.

Recruitment of People by Private Firms for Jobs Abroad

1593. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of private firms are recruiting people for jobs abroad;

(b) if so, whether Government's attention has been drawn to several frauds committed by some private firms during the job seekers; and

(c) whether Government have any proposal to take over the business of recruiting people for jobs abroad?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Emigration Act, 1983 only the Recruiting Agents registered with the Ministry of Labour are authorised to conduct the business of recruitment of persons for employment abroad. Complaints against unauthorised Recruiting Agents as and when received, are referred to the police for investigation and further appropriate action is taken.

(c) No, Sir.

Prohibition of Child Labour

1594. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to identify some more industries in which child labour has to be prohibited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Addition to the Schedule under section 3 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 is a continuing process. Section 5(1) of the Act provides for Child Labour Technical Advisory Committee to